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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSIONER FOR DEVELOPMENT CHEYSSON'S
- AFRICAN TRIP

1. MISSION IS INFORMED THAT EC COMMISSIONER FOR DEVELOPMENT CLAUDE CHEYSSON WILL VISIT LIBERIA, MALI AND NIGER WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27 TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AFFECTING COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. CHEYSSON'S SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS: MONROVIA FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1; BAMAKO MARCH 1-3; NIAMEY MARCH 3-4.

2. EC COMMISSION DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS FOR THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE LOME CONVENTION TO BEGIN LATE THIS YEAR, AND SPECIFICALLY TO ENCOURAGE ACTIVE HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPATION BY SENIORMOST OFFICIALS OF THE COMMUNITY'S ACP PARTNERS IN THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE TOLD THAT CHEYSSON, IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH RESPECTIVE HEADS
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OF STATE AND OTHER OFFICIALS IN EACH CAPITAL, WILL ALSO WANT TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING ISSUES: (A) STATUS OF THE INDICATIVE AID PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND; (B) SAHELIAN DROUGHT SITUATION AND NEED FOR FOOD AID IN THE AFFLICTED COUNTRIES; AND (C) EC PROPOSALS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CONTEXT OF "LOME II."

3. IN GENERAL, CHEYSSON'S STAFF EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE OF TRIP IN REAFFIRMING CLOSE POLITICAL TIES BETWEEN EC AND THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND, IN THIS RESPECT, CHEYSSON WILL REPORTEDLY BE SEEKING TO MAXIMIZE MEDIA ATTENTION TO HIS ACTIVITIES IN EACH CAPITAL. HINTON

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